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AURORA MAN IS 3RD TO PLEAD GUILTY IN BACKPACK ROBBERY TWO OTHERS PREVIOUSLY PLEADED GUILTY IN 2010 INCIDENT NEAR EAST AURORA H.S.

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An Aurora man will go to prison for the 2010 armed robbery of a high school student that occurred while the defendant was on probation for a prior robbery.

Javonte D. White, 19, (d.o.b. 10-27-1992), of the 400 block of Montgomery Road, Aurora, on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, agreed with the Kane County State's Attorney to a sentence of 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to one count of armed robbery, a Class X felony.

Circuit Judge David R. Akemann accepted the plea.

Just before 5 p.m. Jan. 27, 2011, White and co-defendants Jasmine Hobson, 18 (5-8-1993), of the 1200 block of Pearl Street, Aurora, and Jerome Yankieway, 21 (d.o.b. 2-19-1991), LKA of the 1600 block of Ridgeway, Chicago, saw and approached the 16-year-old victim, who was walking home from a JROTC meeting at East Aurora High School. The trio approached the victim from behind and stole his backpack. As Hobson was searching through the backpack, Yankieway struggled with the victim on the ground. White, who had a BB handgun, then shot the victim in the head. The victim was taken to the hospital but was not seriously injured. The victim recognized White as a former schoolmate.

At the time of the robbery, White was on probation for an Aug. 26, 2010, guilty plea to a robbery that took place May 20, 2010, in Aurora. In that case, White agreed to a sentence of 2½ years' probation in exchange for the plea.

On Oct. 25, 2011, Yankieway agreed with the Kane County State's Attorney to a sentence of 180 days in the Kane County Jail and four years' probation in exchange for a guilty plea to one count of aggravated robbery, a Class 1 felony.

On Dec. 1, 2011, Hobson pleaded agreed with the Kane County State's Attorney to a sentence six years in IDOC in exchange for a guilty plea to one count of aggravated robbery, a Class 1 felony. Hobson also was on probation at the time for the May 20, 2010, robbery with White.

According to Illinois law, White is eligible for day-for-day credit. White was given credit for at least 335 days served in the Kane County jail, where he had been held since his arrest in lieu of \$100,000 bail. Bond was revoked upon conviction.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Jonathan McKay.